Notice of Ex Parte Contact

TO: Data Center All Parties in Case No. ER-2005-0436 EO-2005-0156 2005-0292 FROM: Chairman Jeff Davis Commissioner Lin App DATE: June 16, 2005

On June 16, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. we met with Brett Kerr, Woody Saylor, James Stanton, Kurtz Stowers and Steven Hilger of Calpine. The handout used during this meeting raised prudency issues regarding the construction of the South Harper peaking facility. The Commission is currently considering similar issues in cases **ER-2005-0436**, **EO-2005-0156**, **and EO-2005-0293** which are contested cases. In contested cases, the Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rules as a court of law.

Although communications from members of the public and members of the legislature are always welcome, those communications must be made known to all parties to a contested case so that those parties have the opportunity to respond. According to the Commission's rules (4 CSR 240-4.020(8)), when a communication (either oral or written) occurs outside the hearing process, any member of the Commission or Regulatory Law Judge who received the communication shall prepare a written report concerning the communication and submit it each member of the Commission and the parties to the case. The report shall identify the person(s) who participated in the *ex parte* communication, the circumstances which resulted in the communication, the substance of the communication, and the relationship of the communication to a particular matter at issue before the Commission.

Therefore, we submit this report pursuant to the rules cited above. This will ensure that any party to this case will have notice of the attached information and a full and fair opportunity to respond to it.

cc: Commissioners Executive Director Secretary General Counsel















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